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TO: Interested Parties -- Commercial Availability Reviews

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SUBJECT: Commercial Availability Review on Apparel of Certain Cotton Flannel
Fabrics (Investigation No. 332-458-009)

The U.S. International Trade Commission has initiated a review to provide advice concerning twelve petitions filed under the “commercial availability” provision of the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA) on apparel of certain woven, 100-percent cotton, flannel fabrics. Each petition alleges that a specific cotton flannel fabric cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Specifications for each of the twelve flannel fabrics may be found on the U.S. Department of Commerce’s, Office of Textiles and Apparel’s website at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/fr2004/comav23.htm>.

The petitions were filed on behalf of Picacho, S.A., by Sandler, Travis, and Rosenberg, P.A. and received by the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) on July 14, 2004.

The Commission will conduct one review for all twelve petitions and will provide probable economic advice in the review for each of the twelve flannel fabrics separately under its investigation No. 332-458, *Commercial Availability of Apparel Inputs (2004): Effect of Providing Preferential Treatment to Apparel Imported from Sub-Saharan African, Caribbean Basin, and Andean Countries*, instituted at the request of the United States Trade Representative (USTR). The advice concerns the probable economic effect on U.S. producers, workers, and consumers of granting duty-free and quota-free treatment to apparel made in eligible countries from the specified fabrics, regardless of the source of the fabrics, should CITA determine that the fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. The Commission will submit its advice to USTR in a classified report by August 25, 2004, and issue a public version of it soon thereafter.

The Commission invites interested parties to submit written statements (original and 3 copies) concerning issues to be addressed by the Commission in this review by August 10, 2004. Information on procedures for submitting written statements to the Commission can be found in its notice of investigation, which was published in the

Federal Register of February 9, 2004 (69 F.R. 6003) and posted on its website at <http://www.usitc.gov/invfrn.htm#332>.

Further information on this review can be obtained from Kimberlie Freund (202-708-5402; kimberlie.freund@usitc.gov), and Heidi Colby-Oizumi (202-205-3391); heidi.colby@usitc.gov. Information on the commercial availability investigation of the Commission can be obtained from its Program Manager (see above) and from its website at www.usitc.gov/332s/shortsup/shortsupintro.htm. Information on commercial availability requests is also available from the U.S. Department of Commerce, which chairs CITA, on the website of its Office of Textiles and Apparel at http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/Commercial_Availability.htm.